

Focus on Fifth

Weekly News for Holmes Fifth-Grade Families

News and Events in the 5th Grade

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Important Dates:

May 23 - 5M presents *Hamlet*
May 24 - 5L presents *Twelfth Night*
May 26 - 5C presents *Macbeth*
May 27 - 5F presents *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
May 30 - Memorial Day - no school
June 3 - Book Swap
June 6 - Aquatic field trip
June 7 - Fifth Grade Completion Ceremony
June 8 - Olympic Day/Last day of school

News:

Typing Practice

Students can log on to Typing Training from home to practice keyboarding skills. The Typing Training program is accessible from the District's website, and students should begin practicing keyboarding skills at home. The link is: <http://www.op97.org/technology/Custom-Typing.cfm>

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Art

Once again...Under, over, under, over...

We are continuing our weavings this week. Bring any interesting yarns, ribbons, beads, etc. in from home to jazz up your weaving. Check this fiber artist's blog out for inspiration: [Natalie Miller](#)

~Ms. Jones (kjones@op97.org)

Music

We will be working on our completion ceremony song featuring ukuleles and bucket drums this week. The only assignment students can do at home if they want to is the extra credit recorder assignment (on Google Classroom)

Chorus

The Chorus will be doing a short informal performance on the blacktop during lunch recess on Thursday May 26th at 11:45.

Spanish

Many 5th graders have decided to take the 100 point challenge. They are reading novels in Spanish and summarizing them. They are amazed at how much they can read. Some students are even starting a second book!

Library

We are continuing the research project we started several weeks ago. Students have finished taking notes, and are now writing a narrative from the point of view of a student in the country they chose. Next week we will start making a movie that highlights a “day in the life...” in that country. We will be using the CultureGrams database through the OPPL [Homework Help](#) page. While the majority of the project will be done in the library, students may wish to access the databases at home or interview a parent, family member, or friend about the country they are researching. To access the database, students will need an OPPL card and PIN. Don't forget to email me with any questions!
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Physical Education

April 15th is our Annual Student vs, Staff Basketball Game. April also brings about our Dance Unit. The kids will be moving to different tunes while they boogie down to our p.e. School district Xbox 360 system. The dance unit will go on for the entire month of April.

Reading/Literature

This week, we will be continuing with our third trimester ELA Unit, titled “Change and Identity.” Throughout this unit, students will be focusing on the following question, especially in relation to their transition to middle school: *What factors shape who you are as an individual and your role within society?* We will continue to identify main ideas and details within texts about changes in relation to middle school. The students will be creating a Public Service Announcement video as their Research Simulation Assessment for this trimester.

Please make sure there is a parent or guardian checking, and initialing, students' reading logs each night!

Writing

Our writing time will be spent continuing to identify evidence and reasons to support persuasive claims. Students will be choosing a topic for their persuasive essay.

Math

On Tuesday, students will take the Decimals Unit Assessment. We will review in class on Monday. In the later part of the week, we will be working with 2-dimensional geometry. Our focus will be on classifying quadrilaterals by their properties. For the next several weeks, students will be working on the Million Dollar Project. For this project, students must develop a plan explaining how they would spend exactly one million dollars. The money must be spent in certain categories, and students must use a spreadsheet to keep track of expenditures. The spreadsheet and a presentation are both due May 31.

Science

In science this week, we will be continuing our life sciences unit about biomes and ecosystems. We have been creating complex biodomes with plastic bottles and containers and understanding the food chain.

Social Studies

This week students will continue to learn about the events that led to the American Revolution. They will be examining the Boston Massacre by analyzing four different paintings of the event. As well as

two journal entries. Students will consider whose historical account they believe to be true, the colonists or the British soldiers.

Word Study

We have finished with our word study for the school year. Students will continue to build on their word study skills in class during our Daily 5 routine.

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